

APPEALS' OPERATIONAL CHANGES



APPEALS MISSION

Resolve tax controversies, without litigation, on a basis which is fair and impartial to both the government and the taxpayer and in a manner that will enhance voluntary compliance and public confidence in the integrity and efficiency of the service.



WHY CHANGE?

Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (RRA'98) -

Increased workload

Changing workload

Aging workforce



REDUCING THE LENGTH OF THE APPEALS PROCESS

- Segmentation
- Specialization
- Centralization
- Streamlining & Standardizing
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

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WHAT'S WORKED WHERE?

• Field Appeals Office

Campus Appeals Operation



CAMPUS OPERATIONS

• S-Docketed: Brookhaven & Fresno

• <u>Innocent Spouse</u>: Covington & Memphis

• Penalty Appeals: Ogden



CAMPUS OPERATIONS

Offers in Compromise (OIC):
 Brookhaven & Memphis

Collection Due Process (CDP):
 Fresno & Memphis (starting 9/2005)



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Expanding Delegated Authority –

• Delegation Order 4-25



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

 Expanding Fast Track Mediation (FTM)

 Expanding Fast Track Settlement (FTS)



ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Early Intervention:

Fast Track

Tax Shelters



THE RESULTS

Right work to right employee

 Getting to the right answer at the right time



FOR MORE INFORMATION

• WWW. IRS.GOV Keyword = Appeals (see the *Appeals Today and Tomorrow* video)

• Publication 4227, Welcome to Appeals